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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1364

DATE PREPARED: Mar 2, 1999

BILL AMENDED: Mar 1, 1999

SUBJECT: Project IMPACT.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill authorizes Project IMPACT USA, Inc., a national nonprofit organization, to develop and implement affiliate Project IMPACT organizations in Evansville, Fort Wayne, Gary, Indianapolis, and South Bend. The bill requires the five Project IMPACT affiliate organizations established in Indiana to offer a comprehensive family restoration program that provides delinquency prevention services to problematic youth and their families, including individuals referred to the program by juvenile courts, local schools, and community organizations. It provides that the objectives of Project IMPACT are to: (1) reduce the number of arrests; (2) reduce the number of school suspensions; (3) reduce the number of youth referred to the juvenile courts; (4) increase a troubled youth's ability to cope with daily problems; (5) improve parent-child relationships; and (6) change conventional methods of youth incarceration by providing positive alternatives to various difficult situations for youth. The bill provides Project IMPACT may provide the following programs: (1) A juvenile diversion program. (2) A school dropout prevention program. (3) A job training and placement program. (4) A parent education program. (5) Spirituality counseling. It provides that Project IMPACT may enter into a contract with the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute.

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) This bill authorizes Project IMPACT to develop five affiliate organizations in Evansville, Ft. Wayne, South Bend, Gary and Indianapolis. Project IMPACT is a nonprofit organization which seeks to provide positive alternatives to drug abuse, gangs, school failure, and other juvenile problems. The bill allows Project IMPACT to enter into a contract with the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute to carry out the duties in the bill. There is no appropriation in the bill to fund this program. The funds and resources required above could be supplied through a variety of sources, including the following: (1) Existing staff and resources not currently being used to capacity; (2) Existing staff and resources currently being used in another program; (3) Authorized, but vacant, staff positions, including those positions that would need to be reclassified; (4) Funds that, otherwise, would be reverted; or (5) New

appropriations. According to the January 29, 1999 manning table the Criminal Justice Institute had 11 vacancies. The Criminal Justice Institute reverted approximately \$1 million in general funds at the end of the last fiscal year. Ultimately, the source of funds and resources required to satisfy the requirements of this bill will depend upon legislative and administrative actions.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Criminal Justice Institute.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: